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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)

SUBJECT: CBU-72 ACTIONS

REF: SECTO 2022 AND 2026

1. WHITE HOUSE TODAY ANNOUNCED AT REGULAR BRIEFING THE
PRESIDENT'S DECISION NOT TO SELL CBU'S TO ISRAEL. PRESS
SECRETARY POWELL ADDED PRESIDENT HAD DECIDED TO GO AHEAD
WITH THE M60 TANKS AND 155MM HOWITZERS. HE SAID FLIR
TRANSACTION IS UNDER VERY ACTIVE CONSIDERATION WITH ISRAEL,
IN DISCUSSIONS HE TERMED "TECHNICAL." UNDER QUESTIONING
POWELL SAID PRESIDENT HAD MADE DECISION ON CBU'S EARLY
THIS WEEK, BUT THAT ANNOUNCEMENT HAD BEEN DELAYED TO ALLOW
SECRETARY VANCE TO INFORM ISRAELIS DURING HIS VISIT. ASKED
ABOUT HONORING COMMITMENTS OF PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION, HE
SAID PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO PROMOTE AS MUCH CONTINUITY AS
POSSIBLE IN FOREIGN RELATIONS MUST BE BALANCED BY THE RIGHT
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AND OBLIGATION OF THIS ADMINISTRATION TO REVIEW DECISIONS
MADE LATE IN THE PREVIOUS ONE. SUBJECT ALSO CAME UP AT
DEPARTMENT'S NOON BRIEFING AND SPOKESMAN FOLLOWED SAME
GUIDANCE. TRANSCRIPTS OF WHITE HOUSE REMARKS AND THOSE OF
DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN BEING SENT SEPTTEL AS SOON AS AVAILA-
BLE.

2. AS APPROVED IN SECTO 2022, WE CONTACTED THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS (OR THEIR STAFFS): SENATORS SPARKMAN, CASE AND HUMPHREY, AND CONGRESSMEN ZABLOCKI, BROOMFIELD AND HAMILTON. THEY WERE GRATEFUL FOR THE ADVANCE NOTICE. NO SERIOUS OBJECTIONS TO THE DECISION WERE RAISED AT THIS POINT.

3. ISRAELI CHARGE BAR-ON WAS ALSO NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION. HE COULD NOT SAY THAT HE WAS PLEASED WITH STATEMENT, BUT WAS GLAD TO NOTE THAT OUR REFUSAL WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF A GENERAL PRINCIPLE APPLIED TO ALL COUNTRIES. HE WAS ALSO GLAD TO NOTE THAT AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE HAD DENIED THE CBU-72 WE SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO OUR GOING AHEAD WITH THE SALE OF TANKS AND HOWITZERS.
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